

Funding the Future

Real life Tories want tax increases

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In the light of [this morning's debate](#) on tax increases I will quote [this thread](#) from my friend and Tax Justice UK colleague Robert Palmer (I on the advisory board of TJUK):

 **Robert Palmer** @robertnpalmer

The Times and Telegraph splash on Conservative plans to raise taxes on wealth. Our research shows this would be popular with the public *and* with Conservative voters 1/



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 **Robert Palmer** @robertnpalmer · 2h
Replying to @robertnpalmer
Our 3,000 person poll in March found 74% of people want to see the wealthy paying more tax - inc 64% of Conservatives. 2/

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We also found support for the three policy ideas floated today - taxing capital gains at the same rate as income tax, reducing the pension tax benefits that go to the rich & increasing corporation tax 3/

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All three policies saw majority support from Conservatives. The idea that Conservative voters will punish the government for making these reforms is wrong 4/

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In two weeks @TaxJusticeUK will release its final report into public attitudes on public spending, tax and wealth based on two large polls and 11 focus groups. The research was carried out around the country before and during lockdown 5/

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Note Robert's PS: we are on the same hymn sheet. Let's have tax increases for sure, but they must not be overall increases but any money raised now must be used to give cuts to those least well off in our society. That's what tax justice is about, and it makes complete economic sense right now.